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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Schwindeman et al

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For: *CHAIN EXTENDED FUNCTIONALIZED INITIATORS AND METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING THE SAME*

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AMENDMENT

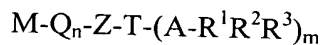
Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed on January 29, 2003. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In the Claims

Please amend the following claim:

17. (Twice Amended) A hydrocarbon composition comprising one or more protected functionalized chain extended anionic polymerization initiators of the formula



or of the formula